



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 2333  
Toshimitsu ISHIKAWA et al. : Docket No. 00724/P10-258981/AM/SAN/PS  
Serial No. 09/393,168 : Group Art Unit 1617  
Filed September 10, 1999 : Examiner Edward J. Webman  
SOFT CAPSULE

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a three month extension of time to respond to the communication of July 7, 2003.

The fee of \$475.00 is

- (X) submitted herewith.  
( to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.  
  
(X) Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which  
( is enclosed.  
(X) has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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